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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF THE US-POLISH  
ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS, MAY 15-16, IN WASHINGTON

1. I MET TODAY WITH WLODZIMIERZ WISNIEWSKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
POLISH SIDE OF THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS  
FOR THE MAY 15-16 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS  
VERY CONCERNED BY THE NEWS THAT OUR OFFICIAL WELCOMING STATEMENT  
FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE DELIVERED AS A MESSAGE FROM  
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE RATHER THAN FROM THE PRESIDENT AS IN  
PREVIOUS YEARS.

2. WISNIEWSKI SAID THAT FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK HAD ALREADY  
APPROVED THE STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED AT THE MEETINGS IN HIS  
NAME. WISNIEWSKI SAID UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT HE COULD NOT ISSUE  
THE STATEMENT IF A CORRESPONDING ONE WERE NOT FORTHCOMING FROM  
THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS AN INSTITUTIONAL ONE,  
NAMELY, THAT THERE IS NO REAL EQUIVALENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
VICE PRESIDENT IN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. HE SAID,  
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THEREFORE, THAT IT SEEMED TO BE A PROPOSITION OF ALL OR NOTHING,  
  
I.E., A STATEMENT FROM THE FIRST SECRETARY OR NONE AT ALL.

3. I TOLD WISNIEWSKI THAT I WOULD ASK FOR AN IMMEDIATE READING  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL STATE-  
MENT. I SAID THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED OFFICIALLY AS TO

WHAT KIND OF STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE TO THE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO REACH WARSAW BY OPENING OF BUSINESS THE MORNING OF MAY 12 AS TO WHETHER A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING AT THIS LATE DATE. IF A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI CONCERNING THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED. PERHAPS THE POLISH STATEMENT SHOULD BE DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER OFFICIAL, SUCH AS VICE PREMIER AND PLANNING CHAIRMAN WRZASZCZYK, EVEN THOUGH HIS POSITION IS NOT DIRECTLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

5. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE OF ARRANGING A MEETING FOR WISNIEWSKI WITH SECRETARY COOPER. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH A MEETING HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED. WISNIEWSKI, OF COURSE, HAS MINISTERIAL STATUS IN POLAND, AND THE MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY COOPER SHOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH SIDES. AMONG OTHER ITEMS, IT WOULD ALLOW US TO GIVE HIM A CLEAR AND UP-TO-DATE PICTURE ON THE PROSPECTS FOR LONGER TERM AGRICULTURAL CREDITS WHICH POLAND HAS BEEN SEEKING. SCHASFBE

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